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FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF SYG'S PRELIMINARY REPORT OF CUBAN VISIT GIVEN THIS EVENING TO STEVENSON, MCCLOY AND YOST AND ALREADY TELEPHONED TO SECRETARY.

AT FIRST MEETING YESTERDAY SYG FOUND CASTRO IN IMPOSSIBLE AND INTRACTABLE MOOD. HE WAS EXTREMELY BITTER AT SOVIETS, PARTICULARLY BECAUSE KHRUSHCHEV HAD NOT CONSULTED HIM BEFORE DESPATCHING HIS LETTER TO PRESIDENT SUNDAY MORNING. CASTRO MADE HIS FIVE-POINT DECLARATION THREE HOURS LATER IN ORDER TO COMPLICATE SITUATION FOR SOVIETS. SYG FORESEES SHOWDOWN WHEN MIKOYAN ARRIVES. CASTRO DECLARED CATEGORICALLY THAT THERE COULD BE NO INSPECTION OF ANY KIND OR ANY OUTSIDE AGENCY ON CUBAN SOIL. IT WAS ALSO CLEAR THERE ARE NOT AND HAVE NOT BEEN ANY CUBANS ON MISSILE SITES FROM WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN RIGIDLY EXCLUDED. CASTRO SAID UN COULD INSPECT ON HIGH SEAS, BUT NOT IN CUBAN TERRITORY AND WAS FURIOUS WITH KHRUSHCHEV FOR MAKING VERIFICATION COMMITMENT AND MADE IT CLEAR HE WOULD NOT PERMIT EVEN INSPECTION OF WHAT IS LEFT BEHIND AFTER SITES DISMANTLED AND EVACUATED. HE WAS VERY STRONGLY OPPOSED TO AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE, EVEN BY UN, AS VIOLATION CUBAN SOVEREIGNTY.

YESTERDAY SYG ASKED SOVIET AMB WHEN DISMANTLING STARTED AND HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE. AMB REPLIED HE WOULD SEEK ANSWERS FROM MILITARY. HE AND SOVIET GENERAL CALLED ON 11 THANT THIS AFTERNOON AND REPLIED AS FOLLOWS: INSTRUCTIONS WERE

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RECEIVED FROM KHRUSHCHEV BETWEEN 1 AND 3 PM ON SUNDAY AND  
DISMANTLING STARTED AT 3 PM. DISMANTLING WILL BE COMPLETED  
BY TOMORROW NIGHT OR AT LATEST BY FRIDAY. AT THAT TIME ALL  
EQUIPMENT WILL BE PACKED AND AT THE PORTS. ON FRIDAY SITES  
INCLUDING PADS WILL BE BULLDOZED. THEY CLAIMED BASES ALREADY  
DO NOT EXIST. THEY HAVE ASKED FOR SHIPS AND SAID KUZNETSOV  
WOULD BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SYG WITH SHIPPING SCHEDULES.

THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT BUT SYG  
HAD IMPRESSION THAT THESE WERE ALSO BEING EVACUATED, PARTI-  
CULARLY SINCE THEY BELIEVE CUBANS ARE UNABLE TO FLY BEAGLES.  
IT WAS GENERAL RIKHYE'S BELIEF THAT ANY EQUIPMENT THAT THE  
SOVIETS MANNED WILL GO AS WELL AS ALL SOVIET MILITARY.  
HE WAS NOT SURE WHETHER SAM ANTI-AIRCRAFT MANNED BY SOVIETS  
OR CUBANS ALTHOUGH CASTRO CLAIMS ALL ANTI-AIRCRAFT MANNED  
BY CUBANS AND THAT THEY SHOT DOWN U-2. RIKHYE PRESUMES  
THAT IF SAMs ARE MANNED BY CUBANS THEY WILL REMAIN.

REVERTING TO FIRST MEETING WITH CASTRO SYG SAID HE HAD BEEN  
TERRIBLY TENSE AND NERVOUS AND THAT HE (THANT) HAD NEVER  
HAD MORE TRYING ENCOUNTER IN ALL HIS EXPERIENCE. CASTRO HAD  
CONSTANTLY REPEATED US RADIO REPORTS THAT SYG HAD COME NOT  
TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS BUT TO INSPECT. THANT INTERRUPTED MEETING  
AFTER TWO AND ONE-QUARTER HOURS.

NEXT MORNING CASTRO, ACCOMPANIED BY DORTICOS AND ROA,  
WAS A LITTLE BETTER BUT STILL ADAMANT, INSISTING CUBANS WOULD  
FIGHT TO LAST MAN, THAT NO ONE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO INFRINGE  
THEIR SOVEREIGNTY, AND THAT IF SECURITY COUNCIL IS TO DISCUSS  
CUBAN PROBLEM IT MAY DO SO ONLY ON BASIS HIS FIVE POINTS.  
HE MADE CLEAR HE WAS READY FOR LONG-RANGE PROBLEMS INVOLVING  
CUBA TO BE DISCUSSED IN UN CONTEST BUT NOT IMMEDIATE  
PROBLEM OF INSPECTION.

ON OTHER HAND, HE WAS CONCILIATORY CONCERNING MAJOR ANDERSON,  
SAYING THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RETURN HIM ALIVE IF HE  
WERE ALIVE BUT THAT HE WILL RETURN HIS BODY UNDER UN AUSPICES.

SYG EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT CONTINUATION US BLOCKADE  
IS NO LONGER NECESSARY. GENERAL RIKHYE WAS CONFIDENT SOVIETS  
WILL NOT BRING IN ANY MORE MISSILES. SOVIET MILITARY  
ARE FED UP AND WANT TO GET OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.  
THERE IS, MOREOVER, NO SHORTAGE OF CONVENTIONAL HARDWARE -  
ARTILLERY, ANTI-AIRCRAFT AND MACHINE GUNS. WHAT IS NEEDED  
IN CUBA IS FOOD NOT HARDWARE. SYG EMPHASIZED PARTICULARLY

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INCREDIBLY BAD ECONOMIC SITUATION IN HAVANA. HE FELT CON-  
TINUATION OF BLOCKADE WOULD SIMPLY MAKE CUBANS MORE DESPERATE  
AND MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO CASTRO'S INFLUENCE.

THANT AND LOUTFI BOTH EXPRESSED STRONG CONVICTION THAT  
ALL OFFENSIVE WEAPONS AND ALL SOVIET MILITARY WILL DEPART.  
IN REPLY TO OUR INQUIRIES HE WAS UNABLE MAKE ANY SUGGESTION  
IN REGARD TO VERIFICATION HE OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, HAD IN  
MIND AT LEAST SOME US OVERFLIGHTS SINCE HE URGED WE NOT MAKE  
ANY BEFORE FRIDAY WHEN DISMANTLING WILL PRESUMABLY BE COMPLETE.

NARASIMHAN INQUIRED WHETHER IT IS STILL OUR DESIRE THAT UN  
PROCEED TO ORGANIZE RED CROSS INSPECTION AND WE INFORMED HIM  
THAT IT IS. HE WAS INTERESTED TO KNOW HOW THIS WOULD BE  
FINANCED.

STEVENSON

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